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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-6 set forth under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. By this amendment, Applicant has modified the relevant portion of the rejected claims to remove the language which the Examiner found objectionable. Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 US C-sections 102 and 103. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references of record, whether considered alone, or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention.

More specifically, Applicant has modified the previously submitted independent claims to further specify that the claimed line between said pair of positioning holes is a straight line between centers of the positioning holes and is skewed with respect to each of four primary side walls of the housing. The previously submitted independent claims also specify that the line between said pair of attaching holes is a straight line between the centers of the attaching holes and is skewed with respect to each of four primary side walls such that the line between the positioning holes and the line between the attaching holes are each neither parallel nor perpendicular to any of the primary side walls, and neither line is located at a center line of the device which is perpendicular to the primary side walls. None of the references cited by the Examiner either teach or suggest the structure now specified by Applicant in the instant application.

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Applicant's respectfully submit that the newly modified claims now very clearly define over the prior art by precisely defining the claimed lines so that they undeniably avoid the prior art. In each of the references cited by the Examiner which provide both positioning and attaching holes, at least one of the lines drawn between centers of the respective positioning or attaching holes is substantially perpendicular to one or more primary side walls. The structure described by these prior art references suffers from the same shortcomings of the prior art which is limited in the ability to reduce the overall package size. See specifically Applicant's disclosure at pages 3-4.

Applicant respectfully submits that the previously submitted claims clearly define and distinguish over the prior art cited by the Examiner and accordingly request that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn.

Additionally, by this amendment, Applicant has submitted two new claims which alternately define the invention and distinguish over the prior art. New claim 8 specifies that the claimed invention is a housing wherein a line bisecting substantially a center of the housing is perpendicular to each of the primary side walls at which the positioning holes and attaching holes are located, each of the positioning holes and attaching holes being located at a portion of the sidewall on a side of the line bisecting substantially the center of the housing such that no portion of any positioning hole or attaching hole crosses the line and none of the positioning holes or attaching holes shares a same side of a primary side wall. The cited references of record similarly fail to teach or suggest this advance of the art. This claim specifies that each positioning hole and attaching hole on a common primary side wall are entirely located on opposite sides of the primary side wall. None of the references teach or

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remotely suggest this structure. As noted above, Applicant's innovation advantageously allows overall package size reduction which cannot be achieved by the structures described in the prior art cited by the Examiner.

Finally, new claim 9 alternately defines the invention as being a housing wherein a diameter of an attaching hole at a first primary side wall is defined to be a dimension a

a diameter of a positioning hole at the first primary side wall is defined to be a dimension c

a shortest interval between the attaching hole and the positioning hole is a dimension b and a shortest distance from the positioning hole at the first primary side wall and its closest intersection with an adjacent primary side wall is a dimension d,

and wherein the length of the first primary side wall is substantially equal to:

$a+b+c+(dx^2)$.

This description corresponds to the specification written description at page 10 in the final paragraph. Significantly, by providing this relationship the size of the package can be reduced. Each of the prior art references cited by the Examiner have at least a portion of one of the positioning or attaching holes being on the same side as another positioning or attaching hole thereby precluding the advantageous reduction in size afforded by the present invention.

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Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Examiner's have been overcome and should therefore be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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